

New playground at Fairmount Park now accessible for all children



Fairmount Park is almost ready to debut its new Universally Accessible Playground where children of all ages and physical abilities can play together.

A Universally Accessible Playground is one in which all children can experience fun no matter what their ability level by including features such as ramp access, play panels at ground level, and surfacing that walkers and wheelchairs can ride over with ease. At the Fairmount Park playground, visually and hearing impaired children are provided a sensory experience through dance chimes cast in the floor, sensory walls,

drums and special paving textures. A water-play feature provides a unique opportunity for all park users to cool off during the hot summer months.

The new playground now resides where the Fairmount Park amusement area once stood. When you visit the playground pay special attention to the fencing; can you imagine riding on the carousel animals or screaming on the roller coaster? The playground design has drawn on the areas' previous life by incorporating playful features reminiscent of its original attractions. Cast into the concrete floor and walls are circus animals ready to greet you. The playground equipment itself has been custom designed to encourage creative interactive play.

Paved walks provide access from the new parking lot adjacent

to Fairmount Lake. The walks extend through the park and playground to new parking north of the playground. New turf and trees complete the renovation and provide an inviting park setting.

This City Council-approved Riverside Renaissance project ensures that your next visit to Fairmount Park will be filled with surprises awaiting you at the new Universally Accessible Playground. The project is scheduled to be complete and open to the public in June. Residents are invited to come out and celebrate its grand opening on June 19 at 11:30 a.m.



Loma Linda Ophthalmology brings medical expertise to Riverside

Loma Linda University Health Care (LLUHC), widely known for its leadership in research, technological advancements and excellence in patient care, celebrated the opening of its vanguard ophthalmology clinic in the Riverwalk Medical Park just over one year ago. This expansion brought access to some of the most advanced optical diagnostics and treatments much closer to home for Riverside residents.

The clinic is supplied with state-of-the-art equipment and a rotation of nine doctors representing highly sub-specialized

areas of eye care such as pediatric ophthalmology. Having the new clinic in Riverside has allowed many patients to receive convenient one-stop diagnosis and treatment—a process that for some used to require commuting to multiple visits at separate locations. Conditions seen at the clinic include simple vision corrections and cataracts and glaucoma treatments as well as more rare or complex vision issues.

LLUHC chose Riverside for proximity to its patients and Riverside's strong business network.

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Solar power plays a role in reducing waste

The sun is shining on the Emerald City as Riverside rolls out solar powered trash containers. Thanks to an American Recovery & Reinvestment grant from the Department of Energy, the City is installing approximately 25 trash/recycling containers to replace current trash receptacles. The trash compactor units, completely powered by the sun, simply squeeze the trash inside the bin which saves space and reduces trash collection trips to just once a week. This saves the City an average of 1,665 gallons of fuel each year and about 575 labor hours that can be diverted to other programs.

The containers compact up to 200 gallons of trash into just 40-60 pounds. And, when there is no sun, the units have a battery reserve designed to last two to



three weeks without charging.

Siobhan Foster, Riverside's Public Works Director, speaks to the unit's energy efficiency, "One unit uses just five watt hours of solar energy per day. Driving a garbage truck for just one mile uses the equivalent energy of operating one of these containers for eight years!"

The 540-pound container does not require any more space than a regular trash can and neatly fits into Riverside's Green Action Plan. By using a free renewable resource, the City is taking another step to improving air quality and encouraging residents to join in the recycling efforts. Plus, the containers are safe, secure and easy-to-use.

The first containers are scheduled to be installed in the Riverwalk area in early May with other locations throughout the City following soon after.

Shop local, buy Energy Star® and save!

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is doing its part to encourage residents to "Shop Riverside" and keep tax revenue dollars within the City by providing rebate bonuses to its customers.



Through its popular Energy Star® Appliance Rebate Program, RPU is providing eligible customers with an additional \$25 back on each qualifying Energy Star®-rated product that is purchased within the City of Riverside now through June 30, 2010!

Energy Star®-rated appliances use less energy than normal appliances of comparable size and can reduce energy costs by at least 10%, which

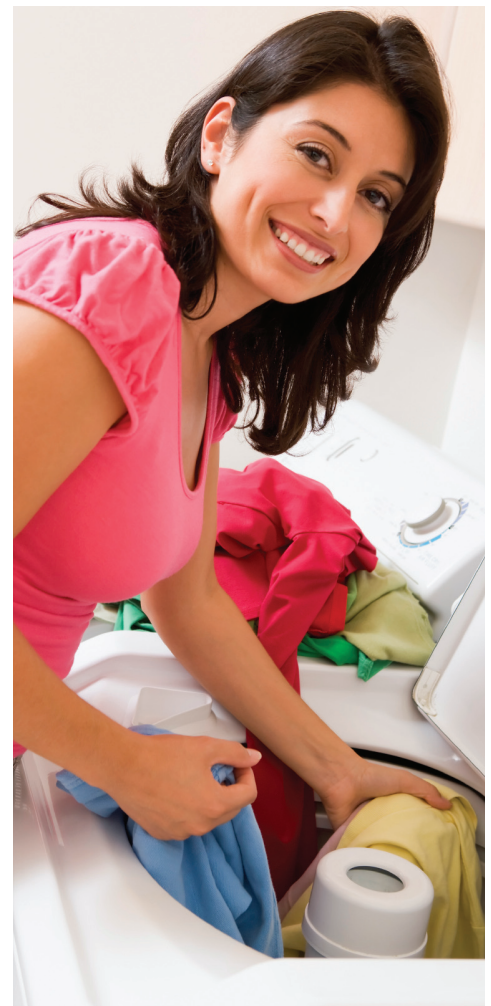
translates into lower energy bills for customers.

For years now, RPU has offered rebates to customers who purchased Energy Star®-rated appliances such as: refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers and room air conditioners. And under the newly updated program guidelines, RPU has added rebates for purchasing and installing ceiling fans to its list of qualified appliances. Using ceiling fans to help circulate air can help to reduce heating and cooling costs. Rebates of up to \$25 per fan are available on up to eight ceiling fans.

RPU customers should note that more rebates may be available through Southern California Gas Company and the state of California's "Cash 4 Appliances" program.

To learn more about those, visit socalgas.com/rebates/residential and cash4appliances.org.

For additional information about the RPU Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program, visit RiversidePublicUtilities.com or call 826-5485.



Sign up today for "Fifteen Favorite Things"



Wondering how to spend your weekend in Riverside? Looking for something to do with the kids? Wanting a fun event to attend with that special date? Each week, the Riverside Arts Council (RAC) combs through the best Riverside has to offer

for entertainment, compiles a list of its "Fifteen Favorite Things" and emails a growing list of subscribers throughout the City and region.

"This began as an idea presented to the Arts Council by Mayor Loveridge," says Executive Director of the Riverside Arts Council Patrick Brien. "It's a great way to showcase the truly unique events that make up Riverside's arts and cultural scene. As we continue to grow our email list we are constantly

hearing people comment on how amazed they are that there is so much to do right here in Riverside."

Sign up today to start receiving your weekly "Fifteen Favorite Things" email by going to InlandArts.com and following the registration link. It will bring what is happening in the arts directly to your inbox every Wednesday.



FREE concert series returns this summer!

Music lovers can experience downtown Riverside while enjoying free live music this summer. Downtown Street Jam is a free outdoor community event sponsored by Riverside Downtown Partnership and the City of Riverside, and hosted by downtown hospitality establishments.

A broad range of musical talents both local and national have graced the stage of Downtown Street Jam including popular local Ska bands, Latin Grammy Artist Poncho Sanchez and alternative rock n' roll recording artist Smile Empty Soul. Thousands of music lovers from near and far come out to enjoy these free concerts. In 2009, Downtown Street Jam was dubbed — "biggest outdoor musical event in Riverside" by The Press-Enterprise, and also received an award at City Council from the Riverside Arts Council.

The next concert takes place Saturday, July 10 from 2 to 9 p.m. The outdoor stage, at the intersection of Orange and Ninth Streets, gives the audience a front row seat to top rate entertainment right in the heart of downtown Riverside. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and arrive early to secure a good spot.

For more information contact Natasha Ferguson with Riverside Downtown Partnership at 341-6550.

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June 5, 2010

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Register online at:

www.riversideca.gov/neighborhoods

Note: Breakfast and lunch available for \$5 each.

No children activities or childcare available this year.

Conference Questions?

email: neighbor@riversideca.gov or call 826-5195



THE GREEN PAGE

Going Green can be fun. Just look around your home at all the things you are already doing. Use the list below to congratulate yourself on your green efforts as well as find some new ways you and your family can Go Green.

- ☐ Use reusable shopping bags.
- ☐ Ride a bike, walk or use public transportation.
- ☐ Install energy efficiency measures throughout your home.
- ☐ Drink filtered tap water and use a recyclable water bottle.
- ☐ Compost your garbage (up to 60% of your waste is suitable for composting).
- ☐ Buy recycled products such as paper, carpet and tile.
- ☐ Install water efficient fixtures and appliances.
- ☐ Install weather-based irrigation controllers and native plants in your yard.
- ☐ Eat and buy local! You can start at the Riverside Farmer's Market downtown on Saturday mornings.
- ☐ Buy non-toxic cleaning products. It's better for your family and the environment.
- ☐ Use water-based latex paints instead of solvent-based paints.
- ☐ Install a carbon monoxide detector and service your heater regularly to prevent deadly fumes.
- ☐ Ensure you have good ventilation and balanced humidity in your home to prevent the growth of mold and mildew.



It's a sign!

In the coming weeks you'll notice some new road signs around town.

They signify Riverside is an Emerald City. What's it all about? Log on to GreenRiverside.com to find out!



Redeem Free Shade Tree Coupon by June 30

Riverside Public Utilities electric customers have until June 30 to redeem this year's Free Shade Tree coupon, located on the back of their March utility bills, at one of four participating Riverside retailers.

Coupons are good for one qualifying shade tree (up to \$25 in value). By planting shade trees customers can help reduce their summer cooling costs while

beautifying the community.

Residents can also take part in the City's "Tree Power" program which provides rebates of up to \$125 back on the purchase of up to five additional shade trees each year. Additional information on these programs is available online at RiversidePublicUtilities.com



Community Events Calendar

May

15
Riverside Backyard Bash
Bobby Bonds Park/César Chávez
Community Center
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
For more info call 826-5746

**19th Annual Vintage Home
Tour & Vintage Mercantile**
Courtyard by Marriott
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
For more info call 689-1917

16
Bird Walk
California Citrus State
Historic Park
8 – 9 a.m.
For more info call 780-6222

Afternoon Garden Tea
Heritage House
2 – 4 p.m.
For more info call 780-6222

17
55+ Spanish Class
Dales Senior Center
1 – 2 p.m.
For more info call 826-2047

19
Discovery Days
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

20
55+ Tai Chi Class
Dales Senior Center
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
For more info call 826-2047

22
**Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Off**
1780 Agua Mansa Rd.
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For more info call 826-5311

24
Riverside Sings Auditions
Youth ages 5 – 17
César Chávez Community Center
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 715-3430

Swing Dancing
Coffee Depot
7 p.m.
For more info call 222-2263

25
Small Business Fair
Riverside Convention Center
4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
For more info call 683-7100

Riverside Sings Auditions
Adults 18 and older
César Chávez Community Center
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 715-3430

27
Acoustic Open Mic
Coffee Depot
(3204 Mission Inn Ave.)
7 p.m.
For more info call 222-2263

Celebrate Dance 2010
Landis Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

28
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Landis Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

29th Annual UCR Pow-Wow
UCR campus
5 – 10 p.m.
For more info call 827-4342

29
**Chili Cook-Off &
Car/Cycle Show**
Arlington Village
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
For more info call 506-1100

29th Annual UCR Pow-Wow
UCR campus
10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
For more info call 827-4342

Celebrate Dance 2010
Landis Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

31
55+ Scrapbooking Class
Dales Senior Center
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-2047

June

2
Line Dance Class
La Sierra Senior Center
11 a.m. – noon
For more info call 351-6435

3
Riverside Arts Walk
Downtown Riverside
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737

RACE: Are we so different?
Exhibit Opening
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

5
**2010 Riverside
Neighborhood Conference**
California Baptist University
7:30 – 5 p.m.
For more info call 826-5195
Register online at
www.riversideca.gov/neighborhoods

**Household Hazardous
Waste Drop-Off**
1780 Agua Mansa Rd.
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For more info call 826-5311

10th Annual Juneteenth
Bordwell Park
(Stratton Community Center)
12 – 6 p.m.
For more info call (877) 752-1619
or visit
www.RiversideJuneteenth.org

Bill Cosby
Fox Performing Arts Center
5 and 8:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

7
**30th Annual BMW 200 for
Youth Golf Tournament**
Victoria Country Club
10 a.m. (check-in)
For more info call 689-9622

9
55+ Life Fitness Class
Dales Senior Center
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-2047

55+ Line Dance Class
La Sierra Senior Center
11 a.m. – noon
For more info call 351-6435

10
Acoustic Open Mic
Coffee Depot
7 p.m.
For more info call 222-2263

11
AIDA Opening
Landis Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

**Intimate Distance:
The Modernism
Of Schuyler Standish**
Riverside Art Museum
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
For more info call 684-7111

12
**Bulky Item/E-Waste
Drop-Off**
8095 Lincoln Ave.
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For more info call 826-5311

AIDA
Landis Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

13
Adornment Exhibit
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

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55+ Spanish Class
Dales Senior Center
1 – 2 p.m.
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FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RIVERSIDE EVENTS CHECK OUT www.riversideca.gov




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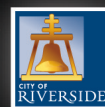
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